

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

☒ Continuation    ☐ Division    ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (41 pages).
- ☒ Formal drawings (12 sheets, Figures 1-28).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
- ☐ Assignment of the invention to LEICA MICROSYSTEMS AG.
- ☐ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- ☐ Small Entity statement.

- ☐ Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Filed	Included in Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$740.00	\$740.00
Total Claims:	17	- 20	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents:	4	- 3	= 1	x \$84.00	= \$84.00
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$824.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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